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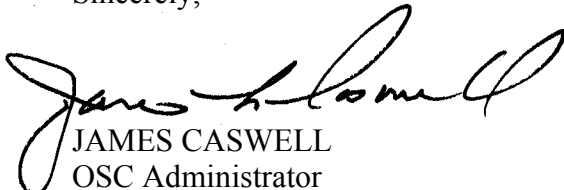
Friends:

The Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) Board is pleased to announce another solicitation for projects—round #5. The PCSRF FY 2007 award represents the second lowest appropriation sent to Idaho since its inclusion into the PCSRF, thereby limiting the dollars available. There is approximately \$3,000,000 available to fund the best projects benefiting Idaho's anadromous fish. It is worth noting that Idaho's FY07 allotment was increased slightly while other states saw their share diminish. We attribute the increase to NOAA's recognition that Idaho is a regional leader in converting PCSRF dollars into on the ground projects in a timely manner.

The Board has decided this solicitation will mirror its previous request for proposals. Limited funding necessitates a narrowing of emphasis. Rather than do some good in many watersheds the state has elected to focus its resources. Not all watersheds have the same needs, community infrastructure, and potential to boost fish production. After extensive consultation with both state and federal biologists the Board has decided to solicit habitat restoration projects in three priority watersheds, namely, the Lemhi, Pahsimeroi, and Potlatch.

Please submit appropriate projects to the Board through the Office of Species Conservation (OSC) by August 31, 2007. We are hoping that the extended time for submissions can be used to design more complete project proposals. To date we have been frustrated by the number of time extensions and revised budget requests submitted to the Board after project approval. You will find an updated submission form on our web site ([www.species.idaho.gov](http://www.species.idaho.gov)) next week. Thank you for your continuing efforts to enhance Idaho's salmon and steelhead populations.

Sincerely,

  
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For the PCSRF Board

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